

deliveries should be taking place in Rome, not Geneva. The United States urges WTO to rely on UN food agencies for their expertise.

We have a moral obligation to the people of Darfur, Panda Aceh and Ethiopia and many more to protect the flexibility of our assistance programs. It would be costly mistake to limit our food aid. We are talking about people's lives—those with children, parents, sisters and brothers. People who are needed on farms, in schools, factories and churches. We have a moral obligation to do the right thing. Food aid saves lives.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
ALBERT ASHBROOK

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Albert Ashbrook; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook was a man committed to his family and a devoted husband to his wife; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook served as Licking County Commissioner for four terms beginning in 1988; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook held active positions with the state and county Soil and Water Conservation districts for over 22 years; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook helped in the establishment of the Domestic Relations Court, county morgue, Opportunity Links employment services center, one-stop auto license and title facilities in Newark and Pataskala, and probation and child support offices in the old Ohio Power building;

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook will be remembered. His example of strength and courage will be forever remembered by those who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Albert Ashbrook.

IN HONOR OF LOS ANGELES TELEVISION NEWS LEGEND STAN CHAMBERS

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of Los Angeles television news legend Stan Chambers. Mr. Chambers is a mainstay of Los Angeles broadcast television who has reported the news for the same station, KTLA/WB, for 58 years. In those nearly six decades, Stan has covered every major news event in and around Los Angeles including the assassination of Robert Kennedy, earthquakes, the Los Angeles riots, and the 1984 Olympics. On Saturday, July 30, 2005, the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will pay tribute to Stan Chambers for his outstanding work and illustrious career in news journalism. It is with great pride that I

congratulate Stan on receiving this honor that recognizes his illustrious body of work. And though his career journey is as impressive as it is unprecedented, perhaps most laudable has been Stan's commitment to family—and I am quite sure that his wife, Gege, his 11 children, his 33 grandchildren and his 4 great grandchildren would wholeheartedly agree.

A lifelong Angeleno, Stan was born in the City of Angels on August 11, 1923. He attended Loyola University and transferred to the University of Southern California following orders from the Naval Officers Training Corps, which he had joined during World War II. The seeds of Stan's journalistic passions were planted in college while working at the university's radio station.

Stan began his long and prestigious career with KTLA, the first commercially-licensed television station in the Western United States, in December 1947. At the time, only 300 or so Angelenos had television sets. He remembers fondly a time early in KTLA's existence when the station would consult every television viewer in Los Angeles on the quality of its programming.

In 1949, during a precedent-setting moment in television broadcasting, Stan helped build KTLA's reputation for on-the-spot news coverage. The tragedy of Kathy Fiscus, a four-year-old girl who fell into an abandoned well near her home, would be considered by many the most memorable story of his career. Stan began coverage of the rescue operation within minutes of its commencement. A career in television journalism was born.

Stan has reported a record 20,000 plus stories in his career. Think back, from every major natural disaster in Los Angeles since 1947, to tragic, high profile stories like the Manson Family murders and the case of the Hillside Strangler, Stan Chambers was there. When amateur photographer George Holiday filmed the beating of Rodney King in March of 1991, he turned to Stan Chambers to report what would be a seminal moment in Los Angeles history.

In addition to his coverage of breaking news in Los Angeles, Stan has been the face for the KTLA/WB signature broadcast of the Tournament of Roses Parade since 1949. Interviewing parade luminaries, capturing the reactions of parade enthusiasts, Stan has kept Angelenos entertained as we have watched procession after procession for over half a century. In 2002, the prestigious Tournament of Roses Association presented Stan with a special award for over 50 years of dedication to Rose Parade broadcast excellence on KTLA/WB.

Stan has been honored with several Emmy awards, a Golden Mike award, the "Governor's Award" from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and a coveted star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In January of 1998, the Stan Chambers Building at KTLA was dedicated as a tribute to Stan's 50 years of dedicated service to the station and community. The Mayor of Los Angeles at that time, Richard Riordan, even presented him with a street sign featuring his name that was posted just outside the KTLA studios, at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Stan Chambers for his distinguished career in news broadcasting. His contributions to the

world of news reporting and to the City of Los Angeles have been extraordinary and unforgettable. As Mr. Chambers' family, friends and colleagues gather with the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists to honor his lifetime of achievement, I wish to add my voice and salute a true pillar of Los Angeles.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
MARY ANN HENDERSHOT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ann Hendershot; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was a loving wife to her husband, Robert, for 51 years and mother to her two children; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was active in her church, where she played the piano and organ for 45 years, and served as a district officer for the United Methodist Women; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was a member of the Madison Homemakers Club, the Auxiliary of the Countryview Assisted Living Center, Golden Sixties, Cambridge Lioness Club, and was an honorary member of the Guernsey County Township Trustees and Clerks Association; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was also an active member of Guernsey County Farm Bureau, Board of Elections, and the Extension Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the leadership and compassion she showed towards others will stand as a reminder to a truly remarkable person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Hendershot.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AIRPORT AS THE 2005 RECIPIENT OF THE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Southern Illinois Airport for being awarded the General Aviation Airport of the Year for 2005 by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Southern Illinois Airport is located between Carbondale and Murphysboro, Illinois and is among the busiest airports in the state, with 120,000 takeoffs and landings each year. In addition to the private and business customers who use the airport on a daily basis, Southern Illinois Airport is also home to the Aviation Management and Flight programs for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The airport is designed to accommodate aircraft from the smallest propeller airplanes to

the small jets used in business fleets. Its proximity to the commercial, recreational and educational facilities of Southern Illinois make it convenient for the private or business traveler.

Location alone is not responsible for the success of Southern Illinois Airport. Airport Manager Gary Shafer and approximately 200 full and part-time employees have earned, through their hard work and commitment to excellence, not only the General Aviation Airport of the Year Award for 2005, but the continued respect and confidence of the flying public. This marks the fourth time that Southern Illinois Airport has been the recipient of this prestigious award, the second highest number among all the airports in the state of Illinois.

Southern Illinois Airport, like most general aviation airports, relies on federal funding assistance to maintain and improve their facilities. I was pleased to announce a Department of Transportation grant in April of this year for removal of obstructions to runway approaches. Recognizing the impact of this facility on the regional transportation network as well as the local economy, I have worked with my colleagues to secure funding for other projects in recent years. These projects have included; rehabilitating the primary runway and resurfacing another runway, replacing taxiway lighting, upgrading the snow removal fleet, purchase of an aircraft firefighting vehicle and acquiring land in the runway approach. These improvements help to ensure the safety of those people who fly in and out of Southern Illinois Airport on a daily basis.

Under the leadership of Airport Manager Gary Shafer, Southern Illinois Airport has been successful in recent years that have been difficult for the aviation industry in general and particularly for general aviation airports operating in rural areas. At my request, Mr. Shafer testified before the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In that testimony, he addressed the role of general aviation airports and the need for continued federal support.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Airport Manager Gary Shafer, the Commissioners and staff of Southern Illinois Airport for this very well-deserved award.

USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes:

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3199—the USA PATRIOT Reauthorization Act of 2005.

Mr. Chairman, we could be voting today on a bill that would receive almost unanimous support in this House. We could be voting on a bill that represents our best attempt at achieving the delicate balance between protecting our Nation from the threat of terrorism

and preserving our treasured liberties. The reason I know that we could do it is that every Member of this House cares about protecting our constituents from terrorists and every Member of this House believes that in the United States of America, there are certain liberties and freedoms that must be preserved.

Unfortunately, the bill before us today fails to achieve this balance. Despite the fact that we may adopt several amendments that will institute some minimal safeguards, H.R. 3199 still fails to protect our treasured liberties.

I voted against the PATRIOT Act the first time it was before the House, because I believed that certain provisions in the bill simply went too far and undermined our American values of freedom and justice. Many of the provisions that had me worried are up for reauthorization today. The final bill we will vote on today will contain most of them in the same exact form as four years ago, and that is unfortunate.

This is not to say that I oppose the entire PATRIOT Act. In fact, most of the PATRIOT Act is important and noncontroversial. We all want our law enforcement officers to have the tools they need to protect us.

However, I believe that when Congress greatly expands the government's powers, as it did in many of the provisions before the House, we also have an obligation to build in safeguards to protect the average American citizen. I do not believe this bill meets our obligation to the American people, and I cannot support it.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 3199.

A PROCLAMATION THANKING SPECIALIST KYLE EVERETT FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Specialist Kyle Everett has served the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of the United States Army Reserves; and

Whereas, Specialist Kyle Everett is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our Nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Specialist Kyle Everett has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service.

Therefore, I join with the family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Specialist Kyle Everett of the United States Army Reserves for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT IN POLAND

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 328, a resolution

recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union.

This legislation praises Polish workers in the shipyards of Gdansk and Szczecin for rising up against the repressive Soviet controlled communist regime in demand of greater political freedom. The actions of these courageous and peaceful individuals were directly responsible for the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union, a profound social movement that ultimately ended communism in Poland without bloodshed.

This resolution rightly expresses the sense of Congress that our government should recognize and honor the struggle and sacrifice of the citizens of Poland, whose tireless efforts succeeded in restoring democracy to their country while simultaneously highlighting the correlation between organized labor and strong democratic institutions.

Now, more than ever, it is important that Congress pay tribute to, and support, those nations that willingly and actively allow the unimpeded formation of labor unions. For it is those countries that exhibit the most free and fair democratic policies. No such phenomenon is better exemplified than in the case of the Solidarity Trade Union. The formation of this important group ultimately led to the election of Poland's first post World War II non-communist Prime Minister, Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by again expressing my support for this legislation and encourage my colleagues' support. It should be a priority of this Congress to pay homage to members of the Solidarity Trade Union on the 25th anniversary of its inception and acknowledge the ensuing bond of friendship that has flourished between our two nations on account of workers' rights.

TO HONOR GARY MICHALAK FOR BEING PROMOTED TO THE POMFRET TOWN BOARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 25, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Gary Michalak, resident of the Village of Fredonia, County of Chautauqua, to the position of Pomfret Town Board Member.

Mr. Michalak was appointed to this position by Town Supervisor Don Steger. Michalak has served in public office before, as Mayor of Dunkirk for 2 years in the early '80s. Since that time, he has been a guidance counselor at the Fredonia Central School District.

Mr. Michalak is an exemplary citizen, who is always ready to serve his community, and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor him here today.